

# "CARANEWS"



## The voice of the North Yorkshire Centre

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### CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hope you are now well into the rallying season, although it has to be said that the weather has been anything but kind to us – between wind and rain! We did manage a dry Saturday at the Bolton Abbey rally so let's hope that the sun is going to shine from now on. My grateful thanks to all our rally marshals.

Well done to Daniel Stirling and his teenage committee for all their efforts fundraising. You are doing an absolutely fantastic job. Of course, this would not be possible without the generosity and support of you, the ralliers. Many thanks for encouraging and supporting the teenagers.

Bernard and I are looking forward to the forthcoming Bank holiday weekends. If you are going to the National Rally and are interested in playing any of the team sports, will you please contact Bernard prior to the rally. This will assist him greatly in deciding which sports kits he needs to take with him.

When planning ahead please remember that North Yorkshire are hosting the Northern Centres Rally this year. We would like to see as many of you as possible at the rally. There is a very varied programme with something to suit all tastes.

Bernard and I look forward to meeting friends old and new on the rally field. Happy Caravanning.

JEAN D'AMBROSIO  
CHAIRMAN

### Note from the Editor

Another good response. The rally reports are coming in well thanks to the dreaded black spot.

Don't forget to share any special events, announcements or birthdays.

Do you have any special caravanning tips or spotted any funny photographs

I look forward to receiving your items for the next issue.

Cora Tebbs

### Messages from Rally Secretary

We are now in the process of looking for new rally venues for the 2009 season, to put our programme together. If anyone has any suggestions, or is willing to run or help run a rally next year, please contact me. Any help is greatly appreciated, to keep this centre as successful as it is.

Can I also remind all Rally officers who think they run a rally in National Parks Boundaries to let me know dates and details ASAP for next years rallies, as I need to submit the National Parks Clearance application by 1st May. (I intend to post this the last week in April).

Angela Walsh - telephone number is 01642 750453

### Volleyball

Volleyball training will start again on Thursday Evenings commencing 8<sup>th</sup> May. The sessions will now be at Stewart Park in Middlesbrough and will start at 7pm There will be no costs and is open to any age group. Anyone interested could they please contact John Loughran let him know how many people will be interested

### Midsummer at Balk

(York House Holiday Park)  
27 – 29<sup>th</sup> June is now cancelled, as the rally field is no longer available

### Rallies Full

Studley Royal, Ripon  
Spalding  
Robin Hood's Bay  
Sneaton  
Peacock Hall, Norfolk  
Whitby Westcliffe  
New Year

## Durham Rally December

( this rally report was sent straight after the rally but due to postal error did not get to the editor)

### Friday

We arrived at the rally and taken to our pitch what luxury having electrics. Later on Friday night the rally officers welcomed us at their van with Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Nibbles. All the van was done up with lights which made it feel just like Christmas

### Saturday

You had a chance to go to the Metro Shipping or go into Durham and enjoy the Festive Cheer with a procession through the town with a Snow Queen and all her Helpers. All the streets and square was lit up and the Cathedral Ground held a Christmas Market and a choir sang carols in the Cathedral, back at the rally site we had Flag on a Saturday night, again we had a very good Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Nibbles.

A very good rally not to miss, it is well worth it.

Thanks to All, Maureen & Tony Wilkinson

Andy and Mavis Woodcock are pleased to announce the engagement on 29<sup>th</sup> February of their son Richard Scott to Stefanie Clare Adams, daughter of Dave and Jan Adams of Dolphinholme Lancaster. Congratulations from both families

## BROMPTON ON SWALE 10% RALLY

It could not have been a worse Friday for the poor rally marshals to be siting the vans! High winds then pouring lashing rain, which could not have come at a worse time for them. They all deserved medals as big as bin lids for their stalwart efforts which were much appreciated by all concerned.

As if that wasn't enough, at 6:00 p.m. they were notified that the river was rising swiftly and thirty vans had to be moved at great speed. This was done extremely efficiently and no one was washed away!

Through the night the winds increased with some terrific gusts, which rocked and shook the vans and caused the majority of ralliers to have little or no sleep (except for Brian Colley who reckoned he could sleep through anything!).

Saturday dawned with the winds lessening to enable a bit of retail therapy at Richmond or Northallerton, then it was off to Catterick Caravans for a bit more spending and stocking up of supplies for the forthcoming season. At 2:00 p.m. we all sat down to a superb buffet and glass of wine kindly provided once again by the Kinsells. Again, our sincere thanks must go to Chris and Matthew and all their staff who looked after us so well.

Sunday arrived and before we knew it was time for flag and prize giving. We won our first van prize for ages and acquired the coveted 'black spot'!

Again, many thanks to all concerned for a very enjoyable rally in spite of the foul weather.

Regards  
Terry and Bob Allen

## Thank You

Could I say a big thank you to all the people who were in charge last weekend the weather was awful and yet you got everyone sited, some people twice. We had a great day on Saturday at Catterick Caravans and I know a lot of work must have gone into the whole weekend. Did Dave's snow speech get everyone to go early?? Thanks once again

Linda and Steve Coates

## Wetherby Racecourse

It was rather odd this last Friday as my adult (Dad) and I set off with the mobile dog kennel on our own. My Mum was not best pleased, as she had to work Saturday. Anyway we arrived at Wetherby racecourse, it was dark so I had some dinner and then settled down to keep an eye on the door for my Mum coming! She didn't. Dad went off to be fed and watered somewhere else. Saturday was dry and sunny so I got a better look around, plenty of open spaces for my little walks, not so sure I liked the look of those long running tracks!

Some people went off to Harrogate, Leeds or Wetherby, which were all quite close by. My Mum arrived Saturday afternoon so I got lots of love and cuddles. In the evening the humans had a good social in a room near the caravans, quiz, play your cards right (where was Stan's gorgeous assistant Bernadette?) and bingo. A very nice supper and then a few dances. Sunday was coffee and flag in the hut and then I had another sleep while my humans went to look round Wetherby and a Farmer's Market, then it was off home again. Lovely weekend so thanks to Alan and Phyllis Gilbert and Les and Judy Warriner.

Brodie your four-legged reporter

## **Easter at Nawton**

Well he we go again looking forward to another outing in the long white box, we call our second home on wheels. My big sister and me are packed in the rear, not like sardines anymore Dad has a new car so we have a bit more space. Teddies at the ready and we have new cushions to rest our head on the way.

After a little hiccup on the way, it took us nearly six hours to get to Hemsley, as the silly tow truck man couldn't fit us all in (little said about that journey the better).

We arrived at nearly midnight with a warm welcome from our hosts John and Roz and Brenda and Roy. Legs down and we all crashed. I've never been up so late. After waking up we were awash with people trying to get in I think it went well we didn't see Dad much as he was sitting vans.

The weather was snowing on and off but the grass managed to stay very muddy Dad complains Mum takes to many clothes but where we glad she did I had at least four changes per day, Glastonbury was a name banded about so I don't know whether mud is good.

On Saturday we had egg and spoon races, which was great fun, but exhausting work I missed the chicken chucking as I fell asleep but the shouts and cheers were coming thick and fast I'm told.

We hired out awning out for a tombola I have never seen so many things wrapped in Yellow and people coming and going. The quiz on Sunday night was good and very well attended. Disappointing that the snow wasn't any thicker so we couldn't go sledging.

The rally marshals did a wonderful job organising the events I liked the Easter bonnet parade but again at flag I was asleep.

All in all the weekend started off badly but got better Well done Uncle John, Auntie Roz, Uncle Roy and Aunty Brenda for a super weekend despite the mud.

Love Joe Fatcher aged 3 1/2

## **Easter at Cherrytree Barn, Nawton**

This was a new venue and we found the owner Doug Sleightholme ever so helpful. Unfortunately by the end of the rally we were all singing "Mud, Mud Glorious Mud", but hey who would let gale force winds, rain, sleet and snow stop us having fun.

After days of no housework getting done, as we were too busy decorating eggs and bonnets we arrived to glorious sunshine. Good Friday meant fish and chips, which proved delicious, but I don't think anyone slept that night as the wind blew and the rain came.

Fun and games commenced the next afternoon and a good time was had by all with egg and spoon racing, egg decorating and chicken chucking (not a real one I'm glad to say)

After a blanket of snow on Sunday we concluded with an Easter Bonnet parade and the flag for refreshments and hot cross buns.

The quiz at the local was the end of an egg-cellent weekend. A big Thank You must go to Roy, Brenda, Daniel, John, Roz and Daniel for all their hard work towards a much enjoyable weekend.

Steve, Marion, Aaron and Gemma Smith

## **Aine Easter Rally**

We arrived at the rally at 11.45, Thursday. We had a nice pitch facing the cricket field however the weather did its best to prevent us enjoying ourselves with gale force winds, heavy rain and waking up to 4 inches of snow on Sunday (over night) however we did get into Monks Cross on Saturday to do some shopping. The rally officers did their best to entertain us by putting on a quiz and an egg and spoon race in awful conditions. They did a very good job. Hopefully next year the weather will be kind to us, as the venue is very nice and although we had all that rain, snow and wind the ground was great. The rally officers did an excellent job in extreme conditions.

Thanks to All  
Maureen and Tony Wilkinson

## **Weather Forecast link on Website**

You can now look up the weather for future rallies on the BBC 5 day weather forecast on the links page. The page has been set for Middlesbrough but this can be changed by you to suit any location.

## DARTS AND DOMINOES RALLY UPPER CARR CARAVAN PARK 4th to 6th April 2008

This lovely site is located 1 ½ miles from Pickering on the Malton road and is convenient for trips to Pickering, Malton, Scarborough and the nearby village of Thornton le Dale. The separate rally field is excellent and the site is well equipped with a children's play area, shop and toilet/shower block with a laundrette. A limited number of hook-ups are available on the rally field; given the wintry conditions this was very welcome to the lucky ones.

After getting set up we went for a ride into Pickering where there was a steam weekend event with a number of extra steam trains brought in to pull the services giving enthusiasts like me a treat.

As the rally name suggests there were 2 nights of games excellently organised by the marshals.

Friday night was a fun evening with 'Doubles down at the pub', a game of darts with a difference, held in the Black Bull, which is located across the road from the site. Those who attended had a lot of fun and the landlord, the landlady and their staff made everyone welcome.

On Saturday after a trip to Malton we went across to the Black Bull for the main darts and dominoes competitions. These were arranged as knockout team events with, usually, a pair of randomly chosen people in each case.

Those who took part said they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves with lots of comments like "It's years since I played darts or dominoes". Judging by the way I played you'd think I'd never picked up a dart in my life! I lasted until the second round but Audrey went on a bit further. Dominoes was an even shorter competition for us both.

The competitions continued at quite a pace, very well coordinated by Carol, Geoff, Jean and Bernard, so that when everything was finished there was still plenty of time for a chat.

We woke up next morning to find Sunday's forecasted snow had fallen overnight with about an inch covering the field. This rapidly melted although the temperature stayed low and speeches at Flag were kept to minimum.

Luckily we had a lovely weather window for travelling back with bright sunshine and dry roads. Even more fortunate we had time to unpack the 'van and car before the next snowfall.

Overall we had an excellent weekend on a lovely site, which was convenient for visiting a number of interesting places. Everybody who attended said they would love to come back.

All being well the rally will be run next year so keep your fingers crossed.

Thanks to Carol, Geoff, Jean and Bernard for their excellent work  
Graham and Audrey Evans

Bit of Fun - How's your spelling?

Don't give up on this just because it looks weird. Believe it or not, you can read it.

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(Spelchecker went crazy on this)

### Wetherby Racecourse - 2009

Alan Gilbert is unable to run Wetherby Racecourse next year. We are therefore looking for new Marshals

Alan has booked the rally and function room for the weekend of 13th to 15th March 2009 The costings are being negotiated by Andy woodcock

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Easter at Nawton – 2009 and

Ripon Rugby Club – July 2009

The above rallies also require new Marshals.

Anyone is interested in running these rallies, could they please contact Angela Walsh



Anyone ever thought of doing a cruise?

### RIPON RALLY 28th - 30th March

We arrived at Ripon Racecourse Friday evening and were greeted by our Rally Officers, Dave & Debbie and Janet & Merve.

The field was a bit wet and it looked as if we might be in for a wet weekend. How right we were. Saturday morning the weather didnt seem too bad but by lunch time it rained and didnt stop all day. There was only one thing to do, spend the day in Ripon. The Horn blower is recommend, for watching football, having a few drinks and lovely bar meals. Sunday morning and time for flag, the rain held off but it didnt matter too much as we were under cover anyway. Thanks to our Rally Officers for a lovely weekend, despite the weather. We will be back next year.

Paul and Tricia.

## Lockton Rally - April 12th 2008

Once again over many years we have come to rally at Lockton. To us a lovely venue with many walks from the site, our favourite been, walking out of site down to Forest road, to Bridestones upto Saltersgate over top of Hole of Horcam (Northside) to Levisham stopping at the pub for late lunch making our way back through the village of Lockton back to the rallyfield.

For the ones who don't want to walk, the towns of Whitby and Pickering are close by, or the villages of Hearbeat Country (Goathland and Grosmont) For train enthusiasts there is the North Yorkshire Moors Railway from Pickering calling at Levisham, Goathland and Grosmont,

However for the first time it was a shock to wake up Saturday morning April 12th to a snow covered surroundings. Passing on our gratitude to Rally Marshals and families for still making the rally enjoyable under difficult conditions. (Dare we say it "THE MUD")

Many thanks  
Mike and Doreen Godliman

### Northern Centre's Questionaire The Future of Northern Centres

Centre chairmen, through the Northern centres committee are expressing concern in the way numbers attending the Northern centres rally over the past few years have dwindled. A Questionaire has been compiled which members can download from our Centre website and complete. This is a consultative exercise with all members and centres within the Northern Region. The completed questionaire can be e-mailed or given to Stan Gelson. It can also be sent or e-mailed direct to the Northern Centres secretary, Harry Golding or given to any Northern Centres official.

### Caldwell

For the weekend, it was a new venue  
Not far away with a spectacular view  
Caldwell was where we all arrived on the Friday  
The weather should be good since we're almost in May  
But no. With the rain the ground was so wet  
But with the help of a "tow" the caravan was set  
A pleasant walk, a cup of coffee and it isn't long when  
Everyone arrives and we meet our friends again  
On Saturday the first round of the quoits and darts get underway  
For the snow and the rain to keep away, we did pray  
But the good thing about the mud means the lawn darts all stick in  
Those experts quoits players get the quoits right on the pin  
And soon we had Champions, the kids being Lucy and Dan  
And for the adults, there was Keith, Jane, Brenda and Stan  
An afternoon outing we went to Bishop but some went to Barnard  
Castle  
Shopping and walking, right away from every hassle  
That's the beauty of the Caravan Club and our weekends away  
There's activities, quizzes and sport, in fact lots to do every day  
There was even a drama, Stan could not go far  
As somehow he had locked his keys in the car  
The AA arrived and soon set him free  
The worrying thing though, they didn't need a key!!  
Then back to the caravan to pack your bag  
Another weekend over, well not quite  
As "the black spot" we won and this report we had to write  
Thanks for another lovely weekend David Karen and Chloe Young

### Items for Sale

#### TrioSport Mexico 5-piece awning

925cm - £250 or offers

Good condition in burgundy / grey  
Alloy poles. Complete with curtains.

Contact P. Underwood - Tel: 01642 783269

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#### Waste Water Carrier on wheels - £5.00

NR Rio Porch Awning,  
7.5 feet tall suit caravan with boat shaped roof.  
Very good - condition hardly used. - £80.

Contact Trevor 01915212844 or 07856 378556

### Sports at The National Rally

Parents need to enter their children in the children's sports prior to the rally as per the instructions given in their National Rally information.

Also could anyone wishing to play football, volleyball, netball, tug of war etc, please let me know prior to the Rally to assist me in working out which sports kits I need to take with me.

Bernard D'Ambrosio